



Happy Acorn Pouch

Finished Measurements: 7 1/4" x 6 1/4"

Materials List:

- 2 pieces of medium-weight cotton or linen, each cut to 7 3/4" wide x 6 3/4" high (for exterior), plus 2 pieces of fusible interfacing cut to the same size)
- 2 pieces of lightweight cotton cut to 7 3/4" wide x 6 3/4" high (for lining)
- One 7" zipper
- Felt and fabric scraps (for applique)
- Two buttons
- HeatnBond Lite fusible adhesive
- Embroidery floss in 2-3 colors & embroidery needle
- Coordinating thread

PREPARE THE PIECES:

Exterior Fabric: Iron the fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the linen or cotton.

Applique: Select fabric and felt scraps a bit larger than the applique shapes, then iron a piece of HeatnBond to the wrong side of each. When cool, trace templates onto the paper side of the fabric. Cut out using sharp scissors and peel off the paper before using applique.

SEW & EMBELLISH:

Note: All seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.

1. Place one piece of the exterior fabric right side up on an ironing board. Place the applique adhesive-side down in the center of the piece, and iron to fuse layers together. Iron the applique pieces in the order indicated on the template(s).
2. Topstitch around all edges of the applique using coordinating thread, sewing about 1/8" from the edge. Add a few simple embroidered touches such as circles on the cheeks and a smile. You could also add some diagonal lines on the cap of the acorn to add a cross-hatched look. Add a stem using a simple running stitch. Lastly, hand-sew two buttons to the acorn's "face" to serve as eyeballs.
3. Place appliqued exterior piece right side up, then place zipper (zipper pull side down) at the top edge, with the zipper pull at the left edge.
4. Place one piece of lining fabric right side down on top of the exterior piece and zipper, pinning layers together at the top edge. Using your machine's zipper foot, sew along the top edge.
5. Flip fabric so wrong sides are together and press flat.
6. Place the remaining exterior piece right side up, then place the zipper at the top edge (zipper pull side down), with the zipper pull at the right edge.
7. Place the remaining piece of lining fabric right side down on top of the exterior piece and zipper, pinning layers together at the top edge. Using your machine's zipper foot, sew along the top edge.
8. Place the exterior pieces and lining pieced right sides together (like facing like) and pin around all edges. Sew around all edges of the pouch, beginning at the bottom edge of the lining. Leave a 3-4" opening at the center bottom of the lining for turning inside-out. Press seams open.

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9. Poke your fingers through the opening and push the zipper pull over until the zipper opens all the way. Turn the pouch right side out and press out any wrinkles (be careful when ironing near the buttons).

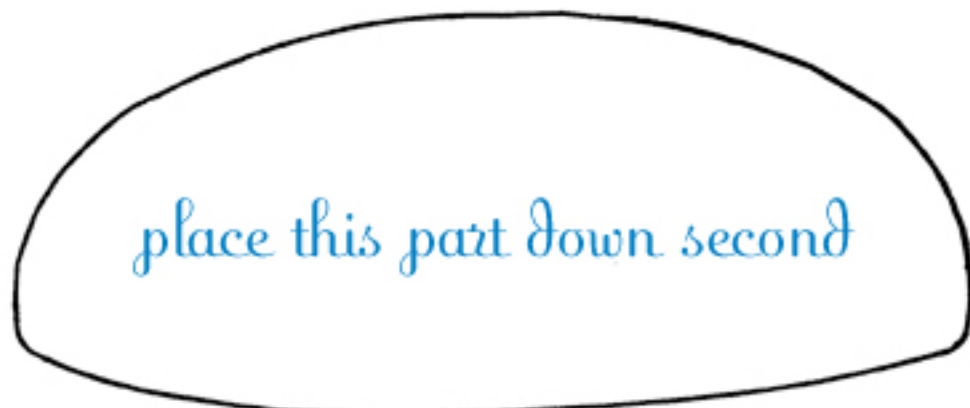
10. Hand-stitch the opening in the lining closed using a hidden stitch, or simply sew the bottom seam opening closed on the machine using coordinating thread. (If you choose the latter method, sew using a 1/8" seam allowance.)



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